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Spy Scare

MANY Australians at home and abroad will watch with concern the actions of their Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, in the next few weeks and, if the Fates are kind to him at the forthcoming elections, in the next few months. For after a long exile in the background of events the problem of internal Communism has stepped into the limelight again in a sensational fashion. A Russian diplomat has sought asylum in the country after giving the Government apparently copious reports on Communist espionage in Australia—a very serious revelation for, apart from the existence of the British Commonwealth's long-range weapon and atomic bomb testing site at Woomera—an obvious target for Communist espionage, Australia occupies a very important position strategically in relation to South-east Asia. Mr Menzies has known of the dangers of internal Communism for many years and only the Constitution has thwarted his more drastic methods of ridding the country of this menace. It will be recalled that only a few years ago, Mr Menzies introduced a bill into the House of Representatives to ban the Communist Party and to arraign Communists in court with the onus of proof of their affiliations and activities not on the Crown, but on the accused. In short, under this bill it was necessary for any person accused of Communism to prove his innocence, not the Court to prove his guilt. The many opponents of this bill—and their numbers ranged far beyond the Labour Party Opposition at the time—saw potential dangers in this measure which could give almost dictatorial powers to any Prime Minister, quite apart from the fact that it was an important and dangerous departure from the procedures of British justice.

WHILE no one can doubt the sincerity of Mr Menzies and the Liberal-Country Party coalition in the measures they have adopted against Communism, the violent denunciations the Party used against Communist activities revealed a mild hysteria and regrettable recklessness in its thinking on this particular subject. With the Federal elections only weeks off it is only natural the Government coalition will make great play of latest reports of Communist activity during the campaign as proof that their anti-Communist actions of 1949-1951 were well-founded. But the coalition must make certain there is no repetition of the wholesale and reckless allegations of Communist conspiracies which were offered three or four years ago as an explanation of the recurrent industrial trouble. It became the Government's explanation of virtually every trivial trade union complaint. Applying these methods there is danger that Communism will become as big a mania in Australia as it is in some sections of American thinking. It would be as well if after the elections both parties allowed the Royal Commission not up to investigate the alleged espionage to proceed with its work and to recommend such action as is necessary, and ensured that anti-Communist feeling does not degenerate into wild accusations and cheap slander which could constitute a definite threat to democracy in that country. The offenders must be punished, security measures may have to be tightened; but it is not a question on which Labour and the coalition parties differ, and therefore the country can be divided.

RUMANIAN COMMUNIST EXECUTED FOR TREASON

Former Minister Of Justice ONE-TIME ASSOCIATE OF LENIN

London, Apr. 18. Bucharest Radio announced tonight that Lucretiu Patrascu, a veteran Rumanian Communist leader and former Minister of Justice, has been tried and executed for treason.

Bucharest Radio announced that Patrascu and a number of accomplices were tried by the Supreme Military Court of Rumania on a charge of "criminal activities aimed at paralysing the struggle of the democratic patriots against Fascism."

A second accused, whose name was given as Kofler, was also sentenced to death and executed. Bucharest Radio said. The trial took place from April 6 to 14.

Three other accused, named by Bucharest Radio as Silber Stefanescu and Kalmanovic, were sentenced to life imprisonment.

In all 11 people were tried by the Supreme Military Court.

Two other accused, Baron Moksony Starcea and Torosian, were given 16 years' imprisonment each. Three accused received 10 years and one eight years' imprisonment.

S. Korea To Be At Geneva Conference

Seoul, Apr. 19. Announcing today that South Korea would attend the Geneva conference, President Syngman Rhee said the conference "must represent the final time-consuming attempt for Korea to attain unification by peaceful means."

Dr Rhee told a press conference that South Korea had delayed accepting the United States invitation to attend the Geneva conference because South Korea had been "highly dubious" that the conference would achieve any result; "apprehensive" that the conference would provide Communists still more time to prepare for war; and afraid that the conference "will be made known all over the world as a great success, thus making South Korea's situation infinitely more difficult of solution."

Dr Rhee said during the last several weeks South Korea made every effort to obtain "definite and positive assurances" from the United States.

"We are happy to say that assurances received now are very clear and encouraging and that they will enable us to go to Geneva with confidence and considerable hope," Reuter.

Hold-Up Foiled

Nairobi, Apr. 18. An attempted hold-up was foiled here today when a quick-minded restaurant proprietor bombed an African gunman with plates and cups and drove him off.

The proprietor, Erwin Lewis, was standing behind the counter unarmed when the hold-up man entered and pitched crockery at the gunman until he fled. —France-Press.

Slashed To Death

Nairobi, Apr. 18. An Asian farmer, Jupp Singh, and an African employee were slashed to death today by a gang which attacked and looted a farm near Nairobi. —Reuter.

Egyptians Slay British Soldier, And Kidnap Another

A British military spokesman charged today that Egyptian assailants killed one British soldier and kidnapped another at Port Said in the Suez Canal Zone.

The spokesman said three Egyptians opened fire on a British military vehicle just after it arrived in Port Said from Port Said by the ferry across the Suez Canal.

An escorting soldier was critically wounded. He was left on the roadside outside the Suez Canal Zone.

The spokesman said his

but died shortly afterwards. Meanwhile, the Egyptians drove off in the vehicle with his driver. —United Press.

The Egyptian authorities who were promptly informed of the incident, said they learned of the incident, said they learned

from the British driver and his

Russia's Military Strength

LATEST NATO ESTIMATES

Paris, Apr. 18. A new NATO estimate of Communist military power indicates that Russia can field 300 divisions within 30 days' notice, but the "impressive and steady" Red build-up is not "alarming", it was learned today.

The NATO report, awaiting approval by the 14 governments belonging to the organisation, said the Kremlin had the same standing army of 175 divisions as two years ago, but the strength of her European satellites had jumped from 60 to 80 divisions.

This is NATO's first estimate of Soviet military might compiled for release to the public since 1952. Authoritative informants said it showed the "impressive and steady" growth of the Communist forces, while underscoring the build-up, it was "not sudden or alarming".

The most spectacular evidence, the sources said, was in jet power. Russia now has 10,000 fighter planes, of which 9,000—more than double the 1952

This NATO report did not offer confirmation of widely-publicised reports that the Russians are speeding delivery of a new-type long-range strategic jet bombers.

CONVENTIONAL BOMBERS

Of the overall total of 20,000 planes under Kremlin control, it was said, the bombers now in service are almost entirely the conventional TU-4. This is the counterpart of the American B-29.

The Kremlin has 175 divisions but within 30 days could field 300 divisions, the report said.

Against this Soviet array, the NATO goals for the end of 1954 are: Some 40 "ready" divisions plus 50 "M plus 30 days" divisions. The NATO air target is 6,500 planes of all types in Western Europe by the end of the year, over 4,000 of which, it is hoped, will be first-class jet fighters.

On the sea, NATO experts reported Soviet expansion in Russia's vaunted submarine fleet. The Soviet Navy now has between 350 and 400 Strokel-equipped subs in action or on the way to completion, the sources said.

It was understood the NATO Command desires to make public the latest estimate to prevent any letdown in Western public opinion about rearmament. The report has been submitted to the NATO member governments for approval, informed sources said.

SATELLITE FORCES

The report said the Soviet satellite forces—now reported

20 divisions stronger—were approaching in size and effectiveness comparable to that of Russia's crack troops. Artillery and tanks of the T-34 and Josef Stalin types are being fed to the satellite armies of Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Poland and Albania.

It was understood Soviet

officers hold most of the top rank in these forces and control their training and equipment.

With the exception of little Albania, the satellite forces could be quickly integrated into the Russian fighting force. Albania is isolated from the rest of the Iron Curtain nations by Yugoslavia.

Informants said NATO experts believed Russia may soon consider the satellite forces reliable enough to leave them alone as a buffer force in Central Europe. —United Press.

HERO OF BELEAGUERED FORTRESS



REBELS INCREASE THE PRESSURE

Paris, Apr. 18. The official communiqué published by the French Ministry of the Associated States here-to-night mentioned increased Vietminh pressure against the north-west sector of Dien Bien Phu, and continued harassing raids against the entire French Union defence perimeter.

The communiqué said that on the night of April 16-17, the Vietminh had unsuccessfully attacked positions on the eastern side of the beleaguered fortress. During April 17 French Union patrols carried out reconnoitring raids as far as the village of Ban Cony, one to two miles south of the entrenched camp without establishing contact with the Vietminh.

The French Air Force dropped large quantities of ammunition, food, and material. Vietminh forces repulsed a Vietminh attack in the night of Saturday to Sunday. Clashes took place north of the airfield.

Good weather conditions enabled the French airmen to attack Vietminh communication lines and convoys chiefly on provincial road 41 north-west of Yen Chan and on provincial road 13, about 20 miles north of Van Yen.

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TWO CLASHES

Two clashes between Vietminh and French Union forces turned out to the advantage of the latter. The Vietminh lost 20 killed, including a section chief, and 19 prisoners.

On the central plateau, fierce hand-to-hand fighting took place on the Pleiku area on Federal Road 19 near Lang Yang. The Vietminh engaged the French in a clash, and the French Union forces repulsed a Vietminh attack in the night of Saturday to Sunday.

The second clash, carried out before the fire brigade arrived, occurred on the night of Saturday to Sunday. The Vietminh carried out an unsuccessful attack against French Union rear-guards and lost over 100 men dead or wounded.

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Here is newly-promoted Brigadier de Castries, Commander of the French garrison at beleaguered Dien Bien Phu in Indo-China, who has declared that the fortress can hold out against the Vietminh and that the French Union forces "can win the battle of Dien Bien Phu." — London Express.

Mrs Petrov Leaving

Melbourne, Apr. 18.

Mrs Evdokia Petrov, wife of the Russian Secret Service Chief in Australia, Vladimir Petrov, who renounced his country last week and was granted asylum, will leave Sydney tomorrow night by air on her way home to Moscow.

The Prince Minister of Robert Menzies said tonight he had no reason to believe the Soviet Ambassador to Australia, Mr Nikolai Generalov, would leave on the same plane as had been rumoured.

Rumours had been recalled to Moscow to explain Petrov's departure. It circulated after the Russian booked four seats on Overseas Airways Corporation Constellation leaving Sydney tomorrow for Rome.

Grenades Outrage Marrakech, French Morocco, Apr. 18.

Two grenades were thrown two minutes apart, at two separate cafes in the centre of the town today, injuring three young European men, one of whom was taken by the Vietminh in the Tryabin and Chaudron salons.

In Cambodia, French Union forces repulsed a Vietminh attack in the night of Saturday to Sunday.

Calm prevailed elsewhere in Indo-China, the communiqué added. —France-Press.

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FRENCH GRENADE OUTRAGE

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Two grenades were thrown two minutes apart, at two separate cafes in the centre of the town today, injuring three young European men, one of whom was seriously injured.

The second grenade caused a slight shock to one of the waiters but failed to explode. —France-Press.

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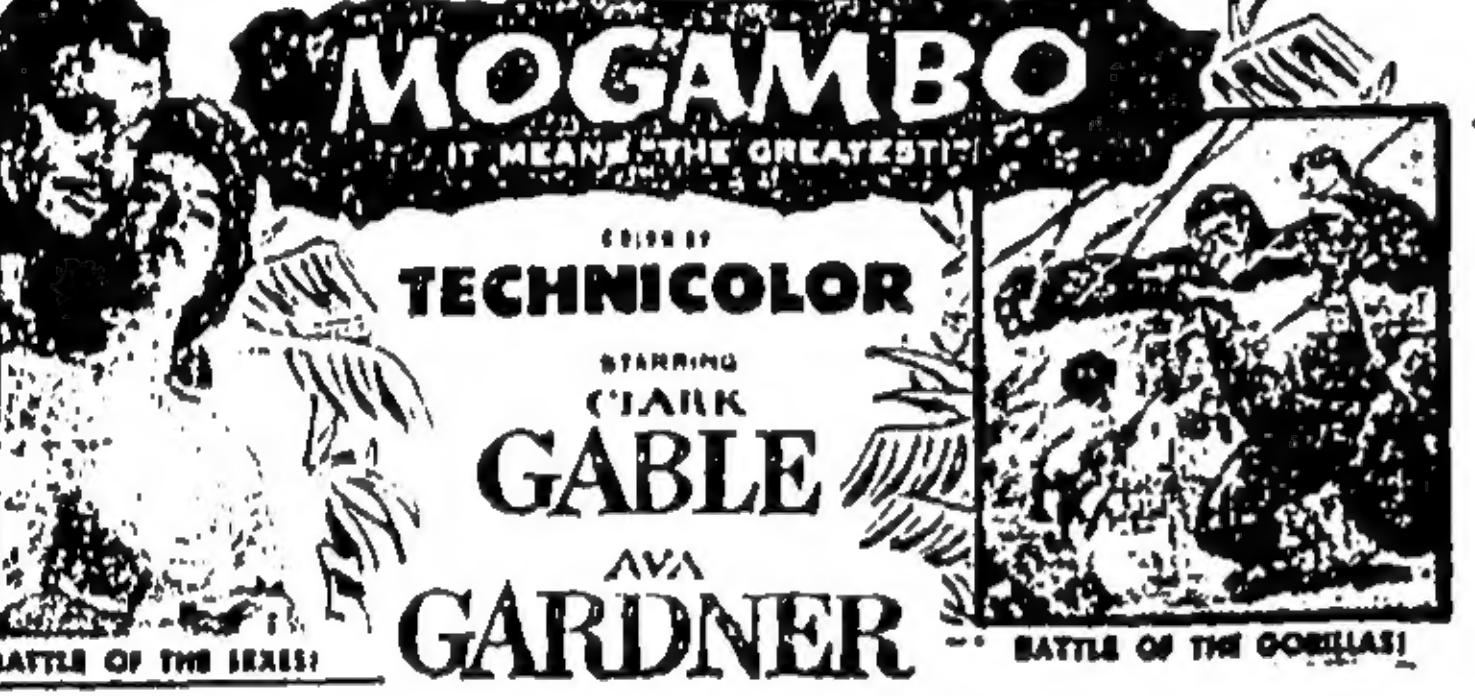


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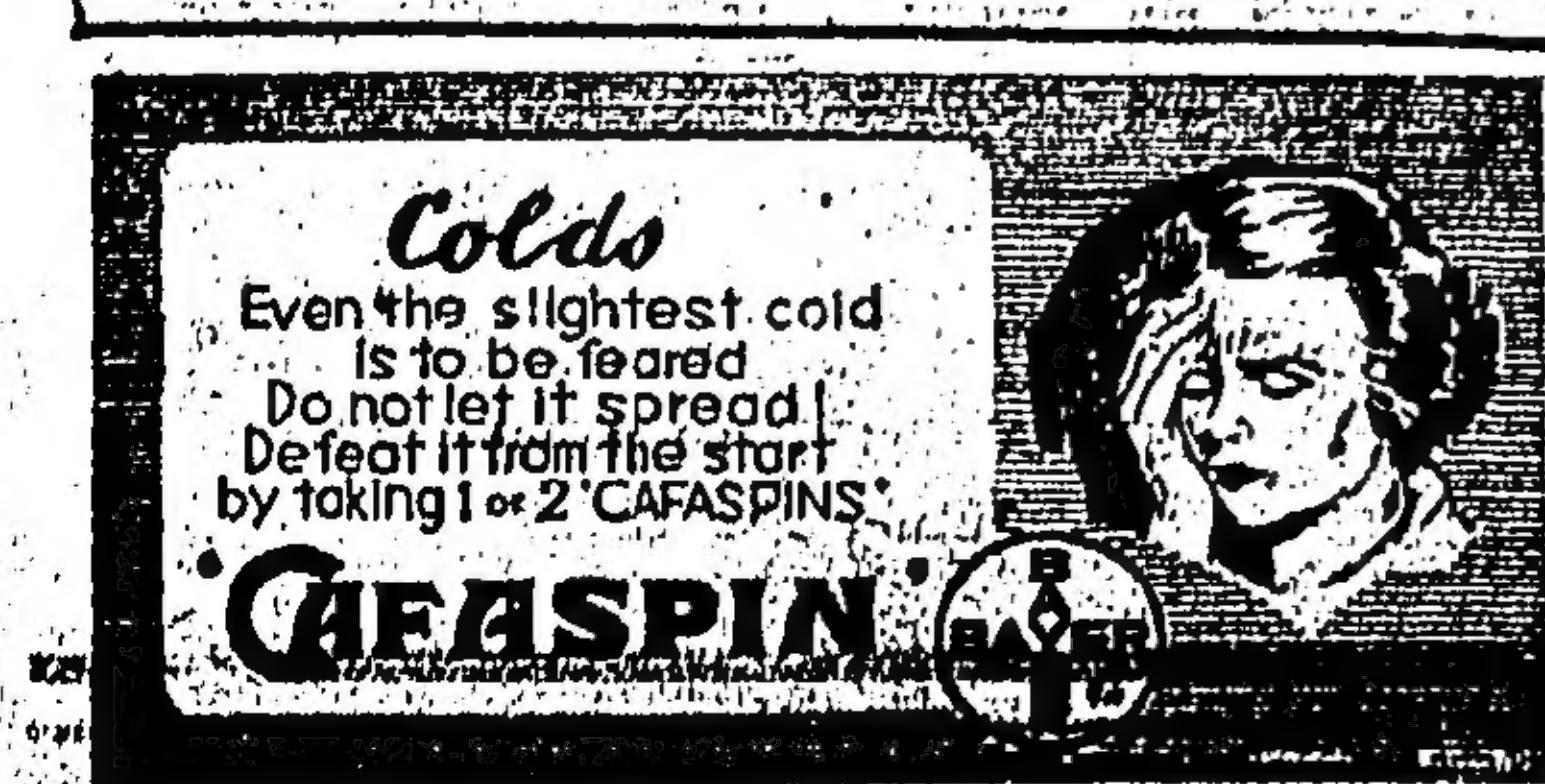
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VIETNAM INDEPENDENCE EXPECTED

Agreement Likely In Paris
Later This Week

Paris, Apr. 18.

Vietnamese Government circles were optimistic today that treaties providing for Vietnam's total independence and her future association with the French Union would be signed this week in Paris, the French news agency reported from Saigon.

A Vietnamese delegation has been in Paris for some weeks negotiating with the French Government the terms by which France will grant the Indo-Chinese state her promised independence.

The Saigon report said Vietnam expected the negotiation to be completed successfully within the next few days.

This would allow France to appear at the Geneva Asian conference in a strong position to refute possible Communist charges that she is conducting a colonial war in Indo-China.

Saigon Government circles said the Vietnamese delegation had secured the promise of total independence right at the outset of the negotiations. Since then, discussions had been centred on future Franco-Vietnam association.

The association, which has now been decided on, has the character of the bilateral agreement which will allow the two countries to assure harmonious relations within the French Union on a completely equal basis.

The circles said Vietnam had always wanted two treaties with France—one guaranteeing independence and the other laying down the conditions of association.

French opinion, they added, had reacted favourably to this request.

Political observers in Paris said the visit of the United States Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles to Paris last week played a big part in speeding up the negotiations.

Mr Dulles did not meet Emperor Bao Dai, head of the Vietnamese State now in France, but the observers noted that the communiqué issued after the Secretary of State's talks with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault contained the phrase: "It is the independence of the three Associated States within the French Union, independence which new agreements will consecrate, which is the real issue of the war."

Premier Joseph Laniel himself issued a communiqué shortly after meeting Mr Dulles, in which he announced that the negotiations were on the point of ending "on a basis of Vietnam's total independence and her entire sovereignty within the French Union."—Reuter.

Whatever the world situation, India and her people must remain cool and united, he added.

Mr Nehru was addressing the all-India Sarvodaya Sammelan (Conference for the Social and Economic Regeneration of the country) at Sarvodayapuri, near Gaya.

He told a meeting attended by 300,000 people that the danger of atom and hydrogen bombs could be met only by arousing the moral conscience of people and by integration of hearts.

"India neither possesses the atom nor the hydrogen bomb, nor do we intend to possess it," he said.

Referring to the Geneva conference, Mr Nehru regretted that not only divergent views had been expressed but "threats of war" had been made.

"It is a strange way of solving problems facing the world," he said.

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West German Sovereignty Expected Soon

New York, Apr. 18.

The United States High Commissioner for Germany, Dr James Conant, said today he expected Western Germany to achieve "essential sovereignty" within the next year.

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Petrov Case May Be Election Issue

Melbourne, Apr. 18.

Both the *Age* and the *Argus* newspapers said today the Petrov case was likely to be an election issue when the country chooses its new House of Representatives on May 20.

The *Age* said that statements on the affair of the Soviet diplomat, by both the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, and the Federal Opposition leader, Dr Herbert Evatt, made it clear that unless a halt was called, the affair was certain to be "bandied about" in the election.

"Unless the temptation to verbal duelling is resisted and the affair is taken out of the political arena, the fears of McCarthyism disgusting the election are not to be brushed aside," the newspaper said.—China Mail Special.

"The Yard" Has 1 1/4m. Fingerprints

Scotland Yard's methods of classifying fingerprints and palm prints are detailed for the first time in a new book published in London last week.

It is written by former Chief Supt. Frederick Cherrill, who was in charge of the Yard's fingerprint bureau until his recent retirement.

The book, called "The Fingerprint System at Scotland Yard," is a text book based on Mr Cherrill's 33 years' experience of dactyloscopy, or "dabs" as fingerprints are known to police and criminals. While essentially a manual for police officers, it has a fascinating reading for the layman.

There are now 1 1/4 million fingerprints in the Yard's collection. The system of classification is such that within a few minutes of being given a copy of the fingerprint the bureau can say whether or not it is in one of its files.

The classification breaks down into three parts, main, single and scenes of crime. The whole collection is further split up with the use of symbols, letters and figures into 3,487 sections.

Since the system was invented in 1900 by Mr (later Sir) Edward Henry, one-time Metropolitan police commissioner, nearly one million identifications have been made by the Yard. The growth of the system of identifying prints at scenes of crime is shown by the comparison of five such identifications in 1921 with 1,776 last year.

"When the Communist Party voiced sharp criticism of Vice President Nixon just before his visit to this country, the Government sharply called for an end to such comment and had its way," asked the Minister: "Are these the actions of a government under Communist thumb?"—United Press.

Czechs Want Armed Strength Maintained

Vienna, Apr. 18.

The Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party had in a broadcast monitored in Vienna tonight that the Czechoslovak army and police should be constantly reinforced to prevent "revisionary emigres" from engineering the return of a capitalist regime in Czechoslovakia with the help of the European Defence Community.

The committee made this point in an appeal to voters in the coming May 18 elections for the "People's Committees," which are designed to increase the people's participation in state affairs.

The appeal also asked voters to bear in mind that first, no parcel of land should remain uncultivated in order to raise the standard of living, and second, that the elections of the "People's Committees" were aimed at extending the people's rights and responsibilities in the leadership of the state.

The appeal consequently urged all voters to cast their ballot in favour of the National Front candidates which comprise the Communist Party, the trade unions, the Youth Organisation and the four existing bourgeois parties in Czechoslovakia—France-Presse.

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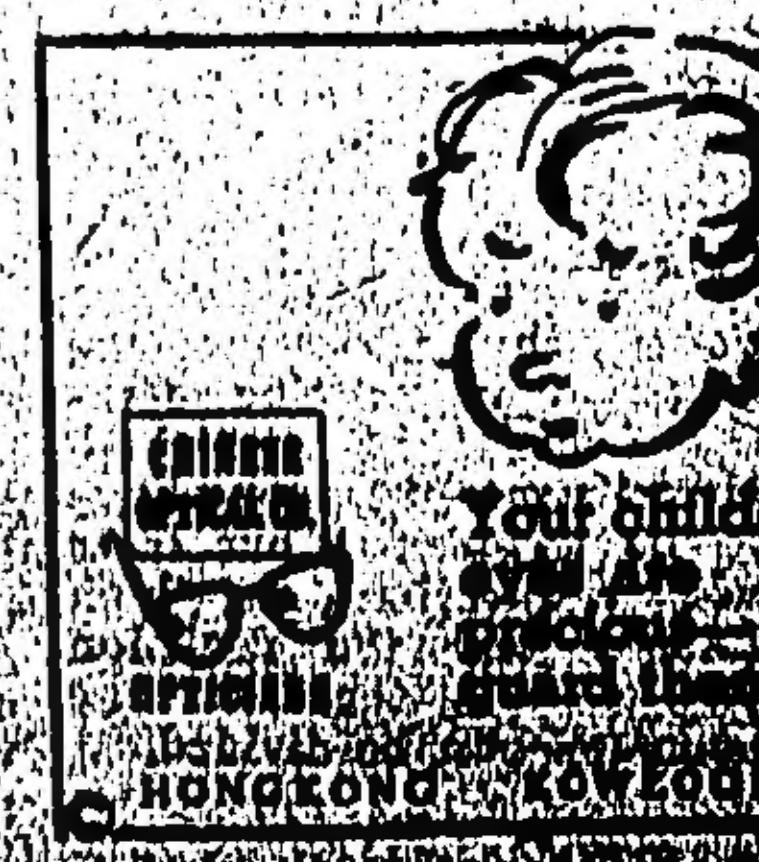
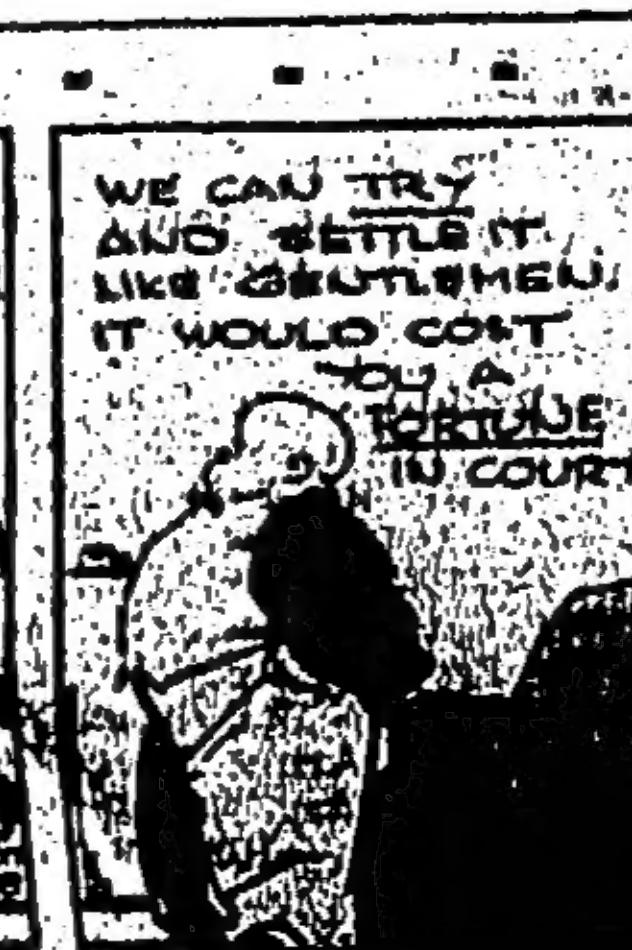
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MORE TALK OF INTERVENTION IN INDO-CHINA

Weekend Statements By US Congressmen

DULLES TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE

Washington, Apr. 18.

The Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles returned today from a brief vacation to press his case for "united action" on Indo-China and draft final strategy for the Big Four Geneva conference.

Mr Dulles, returning from his Duck Island retreat in Canada after a rigorous trip to London and Paris, takes off again tomorrow for Augusta, Georgia, to report to President Eisenhower on the critical problems facing the United States.

The next day he is expected to confer with representatives of nine other nations on plans for a Southeast Asia defence pact to keep that vital area from falling to the Communists.

The acting Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative John M. Vorys, said Mr Dulles' "united action" policy will not lead to an all-out war in Indo-China. However, he added that the United States should consider sending Naval and air forces to help the beleaguered French if peace negotiations fail.

Representative Melvin Price, Democrat, Illinois, who appeared with Mr Vorys on the NBC television programme "American Forum of the Air," said the United States may be faced with intervening in Indo-China "a little more than we are presently intervening."

"If you start with supplies and planes, there isn't anyone who can foretell what may come next," Mr Price said. "Who would say we wouldn't use land forces if they were needed for victory?" he asked.

There were some bright spots, however, as Mr Dulles worked on preparations for the vitally important Geneva conference later this month.

Reports from Seoul said South Korea has decided to attend the conference, which will deal with Korea as well as other trouble points in Asia.

SOUTH KOREA GOING

Sources close to South Korean President Syngman Rhee indicated that his decision was prompted partly by a letter from President Eisenhower urging him to participate.

The Administration was keeping a sharp eye on public reaction to Vice-President Richard Nixon's recent statement on Indo-China, which was regarded in some quarters as a trial balloon.

Mr Nixon suggested in a speech on Friday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors that American troops might be used in Indo-China if the French gave up the eight-

Moscow Says: "It's Up To France"

London, Apr. 18. An expression of goodwill by France would produce a real possibility for the restoration of peace in Indo-China, according to a statement broadcast over Moscow Radio today.

The commentator said the Vietnamese Government was prepared to begin negotiations on a ceasefire.

But he complained that on the eve of the Geneva conference to consider Indo-China and Korea questions, the United States and other Western countries were "feverishly preparing to complicate the situation in Asia."

He said increased supplies of American armaments were being sent to Indo-China, large units of the American Air Force were being hurriedly transferred from North Africa and two American aircraft carriers had arrived in the Bay of Tonkin, adjoining the area of hostilities.

He urged independence for the Indo-Chinese states.

Mr Dulles will report to the President in Augusta on his recent talks with the British and French about presenting a solid front in the Geneva negotiations with Russia and

year-old struggle against the Communists.

Although Congressional reaction was mixed, it was characterized by growing demands that the Administration declare itself in favour of com-

FRANCE MORE WILLING

The United States is not thinking in terms of a formal Southeast Asian alliance in treaty form, before the Geneva conference. This step might be taken, however, once the Allies develop a joint determination to protect the area.

France is far more willing than the United States to negotiate a truce in Indo-China and Britain is reported to be warm to the idea.

But Mr Dulles is not convinced that a ceasefire can be arranged that would protect the free world's interests.

Indo-China now appears in official eyes in Washington to be another Greece or Korea where international action of some sort is deemed necessary to throw back a Communist attack on a vital part of the free world.

Mr Eisenhower has said that if Red aggression is not stopped there, it will have chain reaction in many countries of Southeast Asia, resulting in millions and millions more people falling captive behind the Iron Curtain.

The next United States move appears to be:

1. To act immediately this week to hasten the formation of a 10-nation defence alliance in the South-Eastern Pacific;

2. To stiffen the free world nations at the Geneva conference beginning next week against yielding to Communist demands for a division of territory in Indo-China, a coalition Government there or a ceasefire that would undermine the defenders.

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- Suspicion (5).
- Go in for (6).
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- Speaker (6).
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- Hides (8).
- Gave confidence (7).
- Guided (7).
- Calm (6).
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SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. Abet, 7. Cave, 8.

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German Choir Visits England



Burned by H-Bomb Ash

Japanese Fishermen "Suffering From Incurable Disease"

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

A Japanese physician said today some of the 23 atomic ash-burned Japanese fishermen were suffering from an incurable bone marrow disease.

The physician, Dr Hisao Morita, disputed a medical bulletin issued by the attending doctors last week in which they said the victims of the March 1 Bikini hydrogen weapon explosion were improving.

Some of the fishermen, Dr Morita said, were afflicted with a fatal disease spotted by Japanese investigators among the injured in the World War II atom-bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This disease was a form of anaemia, he said. "It eats into the bone marrow, killing the marrow's blood-producing mechanism."

Dr Morita is head of the Internal Medicine Department of Toho University and secretary of the Japan Institute of Blood Medicine.

He said he based his diagnosis on examination of the patients and private reports he received from the attending physicians.

Dr Morita said a recent American statement that the burned fishermen apparently suffered no serious internal injuries lacked "common sense." This statement was issued by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr John Allison.

Discussing the medical background of the case, the physician said: "Lack of such common sense was evident in the recent statement by Ambassador Allison which was apparently based on views submitted by American physicians."

DISEASE INCURABLE

Dr Morita's charges were prominently reported in Japan's leading newspapers, the Mainichi and the Asahi.

Last week's bulletin from the attending physicians, Dr Morita said, pointed out the patients were suffering a bone marrow disease but contended the fishermen were improving.

But he said the disease was incurable and resembled a white corpuscle ailment which killed many people after the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings.

At least five of the 23 members of the crew of the radioactive game boat, "Fortunate Dragon," are seriously ill, Dr Morita said, but he added, "all possible medical care has been tried."

He said the plane to call a meeting of the Japan Institute of Blood Medicine "to publish the facts of the case and appeal to the conscience of the world's scientists."

Dr Morita's statements were published after Japan's H-bomb apprehensions had ebbed, at least temporarily, when local scientists said reports of radioactive rain were nothing to worry about.—United Press.

Turkish Premier To Visit Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Apr. 18. President Celal Bayar of Turkey and his Prime Minister Mr Adnan Menderes will visit Yugoslavia in early autumn.

President Tito of Yugoslavia said today the Yugoslav news agency, Tass, reported.

It said President Tito announced this in Istanbul to Yugoslav journalists who covered his week-long visit to Turkey before he left by ship today on his return voyage to Yugoslavia.

President Tito also said his visit showed the two countries had friendly relations.

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Continuing the ADVENTURE of the DARK ANGELS by Adrian Conan Doyle

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

In gloomy seclusion on an estate in the New Forest live Joshua Ferrers, a widower, retired from his Sicilian vineyards, his daughter, Daphne, and three servants—McKinney, the butler, and his wife and sister. In a cottage on the estate lives James Tonstall, who had managed the vineyards in Sicily.

Deeply troubled, Miss Ferrers calls at Baker Street to seek Sherlock Holmes's advice. She tells him of a singular chain of events which started when she discovered a coloured print nailed to a tree on the estate. It portrayed nine winged angels, grouped in six and three and dressed in black. The figures "6—3" were scrawled underneath.

"My first reaction," she went on, "was that it was a curious way for the carrier man from Lyndhurst to deliver some new-fangled calendar and so, plucking it down, I took it with me, and was on my way upstairs to my room when I met my father on the landing."

"This was on a tree in the avenue," I said. "I think McKinney should tell the Lyndhurst carrier to deliver at the tradesman's entrance instead of pinning things in odd places. I prefer angels in white, don't you, Papa?"

The words were hardly out of my mouth before he had snatched the print from me. For a moment, he stood speechless, glaring down at the piece of paper in his shaking hands while the colour ebbed from his face, leaving it drawn and livid.

"What is it, Papa?" I cried, clutching him by the arm.

"The Dark Angels," he whispered. Then with a gesture of horror, he shook off my hand and rushed into his study, locking and bolting the door behind him.

From that day on, my father never left the house. His time was spent in reading and writing in his study or in long conferences with James Tonstall, whose glib and severe character is somewhat akin to his own. I saw him seldom save at meal times and it would have been unbearable for me were it not for the fact that I had the friendship of one noble-hearted woman, Mrs Nordham, the wife of the Beaumont doctor, who, perceiving the desolation of my life, persisted in calling to see me two

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or three times a week despite my father's open hostility to what he considered an unwarranted intrusion.

It was some weeks later, on February 11, to be precise, that our manservant came to me just after breakfast with a most curious expression on his face.

"It's not the Lyndhurst carrier this time; he announced sourly, and I don't like it, Miss."

"What is the matter, McKinney?"

"Ask the front door," said he, and went away muttering and stroking his beard.

I HASTENED to the entrance and there, nailed to the front door, was a similar print to that which I had

found on the oak tree in the avenue. And yet it was not exactly similar, for this time the angels were only six in number and the figure "6" was marked on the bottom of the page.

I tore it down and was gazing at it with an inexplicable chill in my heart when a hand reached out and took it from my fingers. Turning round, I found Mr Tonstall standing behind me.

"It is not for you, Miss Ferrers," he said gravely, "but for that you can thank your Mak-

"But what does it mean?" I cried wildly. "If there is danger to my father, then why does he not summon the police?"

"Because we do not need the police," he replied. "Believe me, your father and I are quite capable of dealing with the situation, my dear young lady." And, turning on his heel, he vanished



"My father seized the candelabra and flung it at the window..."

"you," he said at last. "You must plan a new life for yourself, preferably in London where you will quickly make new friends of your own age."

"But my father?"

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"Holmes!" I cried, hor-

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and there, by clumps of holly and bounded in every direction by the dark outposts of a great forest.

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Riding in the same direction as ourselves, but far ahead of

The NEW Exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

CAN WE STILL TALK?

By Les Armour

SO now we are forgetting how to talk.

The authority for this is Mr Norman Fisher, Manchester's Chief Education Officer.

Educators have been telling us for years that we are forgetting how to think, forgetting how to spell, forgetting, forgetting, forgetting... We have taken it all with equanimity and gone our sinful ways unconcerned.

But this, surely, is the final blow. The time has come to take a stand.

Nevertheless, we must hear Mr Fisher out.

He says cocktail parties, party games, radios and television sets are dealing death blows to conversation. The situation is aggravated by the fact that "we live in flats or small houses, have no servants and not a great deal of food."

The house, slumkey, and grub situation apparently is significant because "the best conversation... was heard when there was a leisure minority who could entertain in their own houses. Now, instead of the former dinner party, we have that fantastic organised shouting match known as the cocktail party."

NOT QUITE HOPELESS

Of course, the conversation is not quite hopeless yet. Mr Fisher concedes that philosophers and journalists still talk pretty well. But, as for the rest of society, things seem to be pretty bad. Pointedly, he makes no reference to the conversational abilities of educators. Someone might tell him that the decline in conversation is not a very good conversational topic.

But what of his case?

Radio and television may not be so bad as he thinks. He admits that radio has made "the best conversation" generally available. He might go further.

An essential of good conversation is something to talk about. Radio and TV, surely, have widened our horizons and enriched our fund of information.

EVERYONE'S RIGHT

Moreover, a decent education, once the prerogative of the few, is now the right of everyone. Hasn't that helped conversation?

And is it true that the best conversation was found in the homes of the leisurely minority? A good part of that minority lived pretty much in isolation and, no doubt, devoted itself to pretty small talk.

How about the bubbling conversations which spring up over a tankard of ale, in the local? What about the never-ceasing and often brilliant chatter which occupies the common rooms of our universities as it has for centuries?

And who will dare to cast aspersions on the housewives' conferences over the garden fence?

The Scientists

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are meant to be warnings—but in fact, even in daylight, switching headlights on and off is an equally effective and safer warning—for example, it gives notice of intention to overtake without startling the driver ahead into a sudden wrench at his wheel.

Even the old Noise Abatement League has been liquidated.

True, London and other cities have got rid of trams, which used to be responsible for 20 percent of street noise. But lorries, which are responsible for 40 percent, are still allowed to bump through the streets with backboards clapping, mudguards and other loud parts rattling and loads so insecurely fastened that they crash against the sides.

Since the war, the owners of improperly silenced cars and motorcycles have been allowed to get away with it because the police have been too busy on other things. Now, that's changed.

WHO'S ONE-THIRD DEAF?

DURING the British General Strike of 1926, when the trains were not running, a man whose bedroom overlooked the District Railway complained that he could not sleep. He was disturbed by the silence.

If he had spent that week in the country he would probably have complained, not of the silence, but of the appalling racket kicked up by crickets, bull frogs and church clocks.

It just depends what you're used to. One man's sound is nearly always another man's noise.

But whether we like them or not, most sounds do the harm. Recent experiment by the Medical Research Council has shown that stokers in a boiler-room are much more efficient when the engines are stopped than when they have to work amid continuous chitter-chatter.

And as many factories are at least three times as noisy as the noisiest street it is possible that millions of workers are nearly stone deaf during working hours and that those health and safety officers in charge of noise control have not been doing their job.

Planning machines—if we are sufficiently used to it, but it still gets us down. It gets us down even if we are asleep.

Lord Horder has described how he watched a baby sleeping peacefully in a cot when an unshielded car passed in the street below. The baby did not wake but he turned over and the peacefulness was wiped from his face.

According to Lord Horder, the continual hammering by noise pollution is as bad as constant noise.

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and so lowers our powers both of resistance to disease and recovery from it.

So I am surprised that so little is done to prevent noise. Only the other week, the House of Commons were discussing the abatement of another nuisance—smoke. But I do not think we have discussed noise once in the nine years I have been a member.

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Indeed today horns are used, not for warning, but for protest and reprimand—and we can do without that.

There are many other things that could be done. Lord Horder has suggested the general adoption of cremation so that space now being absorbed by cemeteries could be used for playgrounds and so diminish the row now made by children in the streets.

Almost the only man recently to do anything about noise is the chap who bought himself a sound-proof telephone booth in which to practice his accordion. I wish we were all like that.

Leaders Don't Believe In Soccer Lessons

By GEOFFREY SIMPSON

"Plotting football moves and goals with chalk and blackboard is sheer nonsense." . . . Who says so? Mr Bill Lane, manager of Brighton and Hove Albion, the Cinderella club, who suddenly have become the talk of the game.

Top of Division III, (South), Brighton, for the first time in 50 years of struggle, are reaching for Championship honours and promotion. From pinch-and-scrape, they have passed to financial security.

Inter-School Athletics

New Colony records in Boys' Senior long jump, javelin throw, high jump, 1,500 metres, and Boys' Junior high jump were established when the first day of the three-day 9th Annual Inter-School Invitation Athletic Meeting, organised by the South China Athletic Association, was held at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The ceremonial ribbon cutting was performed by Mrs L. G. Morgan, wife of the acting Director of Education, signifying the commencement of the competition.

Addressing the competitors and spectators, Mr R. C. Lee, President of the South China Athletic Association, said that he was gratified to see such a large number of entries taking part in the event (35 schools and 695 competitors). He thanked Mr and Mrs L. G. Morgan for their presence and the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association for having given their approval to the meeting.

THE RESULTS

Following are the results of the finals in . . . yesterday:

Boys' Senior

High Jump—Yan Wai-hung (Heung Kong); 1.71 metres; old record of 1.70 metres held by Ling Sun of Wah Yan; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thum (HK Tech).

Long Jump—Chu Ming (Heung To); 7.77 metres; breaking old record of 7.58 metres held by Chen Wai-tang (Wai Ting School); George Thum (HK Tech); Au Shui-sze (Pui Q).

Javelin—Lau Kam-yiu (Pui Ching); 44 metres; breaking old record of 43.5 metres held by Marcus Souza of La Salle College (Heung To); Tam Kuk-keung (Fai Tung); Choi Put-lau Kam-yiu (Pui Ching); 10.13 metres; Chu Ming (Heung To); Chan Wei-jun (Pui Ching); 9.90 metres; Lee Shung (La Salle); 4 miles 33.2 secs, bettering his own record of 4 miles 40.5 secs; Leung Kam-bo (St. Joseph); Chan Wai-man (HK Tech).

Boys' Junior

High Jump—Au Yuen Shu-cheuna (Pui Q); 1.68 metres; breaking old record of 1.62 metres held by Chau Choy-yan of Tung Chi School; Min Chok-man (Tal Tung); Yu Yiu-chuen (Ling Kwong).

Boys' Middle
High Jump—Mak Ping-pui (Heung King); 1.65 metres; Lau Kai-look (Kwai Man School)—Cheung Chow (Island); Lam Lin-chung (Heung To).

Girls' Seniors

Long Jump—Chow Wing-ping (Pui To); 4.05 metres; Fung Suk (Wing Hong); Yam Sui-yan (Pui Q).

Shot Put—Chang Ping-chung (Ling Ying); 8.40 metres; Lee Yuk-ying (Heung To); Yam Tuen-hung (Pui Q);

Diskus—Kern Put-ian (Pui Q); 20.875 metres; Yam Sui-hung (Pui Q); Cheung Ping-chung (Ling Ying).

Girls' Juniors

Baseball Throw—Ho Yuen-wai (Pui Q); 32.80 metres; Leung Wai-yan (Pui To); Lui Kwei-chung (Heung To).

Discus—Chung Chan-yin (Tai Tong); 34.12 metres; Chan Yiu-to (Pui Ming); Chang Yuk-ming (Pui Ching).

The meeting will continue on Thursday and Sunday.

Yugoslavia Seeks Change In Amateur Rules

Belgrade, Apr. 18. Yugoslavia will make a strong effort to get both the International Olympics Committee and the International Football Federation to change their amateur rules this year so the poorer countries can provide some compensation for their athletes without making them professionals.

Final definition of Yugoslav's own amateur rules is awaiting these two international decisions, it was learned at the Yugoslavian Football Federation.

Although the Federation's recent congress adopted a new set of rules permitting rigidly limited payments to First League players as "living allowances," details of the new system will be finally decided until the two international bodies have met.

The Belgrade newspaper Sport published the draft definition which Yugoslavia's representative will present to the International Olympics Committee session in Athens next month. United Press.

FIFTH TIME IN A ROW



Mrs Angelica Rozenau of Rumania in play during the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley. She retained her World Singles Championship for the fourth successive time.—Central Press Photo.

"I'm Selling Many Horses" Says The Aga Khan

By SYDNEY SMITH

The 76-year-old Aga Khan, who has won five Derbys and nearly a million pounds in British stake money, is to cut down his breeding and racing interests "severely."

He announced from his Cannes villa that he will put up "a very large number" of his horses for sale in England and America.

They will include all his Irish breeding colts and a large number of his brood mares. He said on the phone from his villa: "They will be among my very best brood mares."

He went on: "Nobody at the moment could work out the value of what I shall sell. Of course, I shall still race but on a much smaller scale."

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

The reason? He said: "I am taking other and new responsibilities on my hands."

"Not I am not going to tell you what they are. They will become apparent—in three to four years from now."

These new responsibilities, he said, will not take him away from France any more than usual—"I can give my orders to wed."

Health reasons? He said cheerfully: "I am much fitter. I have started playing golf again. Six holes at a time. Obviously not 18. And in some ways I am playing better."

But those "new responsibilities" are what the Aga Khan, who was not referring to such responsibilities.

The Aga Khan's holdings in bloodstock are worth nearly £3,000,000 at current prices.

Most of his horses are owned in partnership with Aly. The breeding stock are concentrated in Irish studs and a stud farm in Normandy. He has stallions also in Newmarket.

The Aga Khan began to sell horses at auction in America three years ago. Last August he sold 21 yearlings for £59,000. In November he sent 11 second-rate brood mares. They fetched £62,000.

He has 70 horses in training. Noel Murties and Marcus March train for him in England.

BUDGET KILLS BIG FIGHT HOPES, SAYS SOLOMONS

The cut of only half-penny in entertainments tax has killed hopes of Don Cockell, British Heavyweight Boxing Champion, meeting Rocky Marciano, world title holder, in England.

Promoter Jack Solomons had earlier announced that if entertainment tax was reduced there was a strong possibility of the match being staged in London.

But after the budget, Mr Solomons said: "I shall have to consider carefully what I shall do after my June promotions. I think I shall spend most of my time promoting abroad."

Said Mr Albert Lucas, secretary of Third Division club Accrington Stanley: "A half-penny off the tax is just imaginable."

"What they should do is grade the tax so that a club like ours with a gate of 10,000 to 12,000 pays tax at a lesser rate than clubs like Arsenal."

But Sir Stanley Roux, secretary of the Football Association, said: "Every little helps."

SPEEDWAY: Mr. Johnny Hoskins, manager of Belle Vue, Manchester, said the cut—it means £20 extra for every 10,000 spectators—will save one Division II sides from closing.

RACING: Major J. D. Watts, clerk of the course at Epsom, said: "We are always glad of any reduction, but the amount this time will make no material difference to anybody—except perhaps, that it will be slightly easier to calculate the sum payable."

Many years ago Major Carlo Campbell, club chairman, wanted to uproot Brighton and transfer to the local greyhound stadium, where prospects looked brighter, but the FA were very much anti-dogs in those days.

Now his promotion dream may come true just the same. If it does, Brighton, with its 150,000 population, are more than ready.

PETERS Favoured To Win Boston Marathon

Boston, Apr. 18. Jim Peters of Britain seems to be the most favoured entry in the 58th Boston Marathon due to be held today.

The second favourite seems to be the Japanese, Katuo Nishida, who was fourth last year. His teammates are Kurao Hiroshima, eighth in 1953, and Nohbayashi Sadanaga, competing for the first time.

The Japanese team have been over the course several times during the past two weeks and is concentrating its last minute training on a special diet of beef and fruit.

Of the first ten best in 1953, seven are back this year, including Nishida, Hiroshima, Volkko Karvonen of Finland, and Norman Tamanaha, the Hawaiian champion.

Peters said tonight that while he respected the Japanese entries, he expected that his petition from the British Amateur Athletics Association, record of 4 miles 54.5 secs., would be upheld.

The Singapore Chinese Swimming Club's Al Prewitt, Al Frieden and Charles Thomas won the 440-yard University relay in 40.3 seconds, two-tenths of a second under the world American and Intercollegiate standards of 40.5 seconds held by Southern California and Iowa, which set the mark at the relay here in 1953.

Peters holds the American mile mark himself at 4:03.4. Associated Press.

A WARNING TO ALL THE WORLD CUP TEAMS: BEWARE OF TOM FINNEY!

A warning to all World Cup teams: "Beware the rather casual-looking player on England's right wing."

Slightly built, quiet of manner, his bearing certainly doesn't command attention. He doesn't even roll up his sleeves: they are carefully buttoned at the wrist. In fact, he looks as though he's been thrust into football kit and is still wondering what it's all about.

But wait until he gets the ball. Then it's his opponent's turn to wonder.

For his name is Finney—Tom Finney, the world's most complete footballer.

"One man doesn't make a team and football is a team game," say the purists. Maybe they're right—in most cases.

But ask the Scots—or indeed anyone who has played against Finney—how he does it and they'd be stumped.

With other football jugglers, it's possible to spot how they perform their tricks. Stanley Matthews, for example, seems to go one way, sprints in another direction to leave the defender floundering.

But with Finney there's no suggestion of impudent wizardry. He's like the magician who doesn't wear a cloak and performs his tricks without using a wand.

He received the ball and, with a gliding run, cuts off down the wing.

The full-back sees which way he's coming and goes after his man.

He prepares for the tackle; checks; sees Finney change direction, then plunges in.

His foot meets empty air. The ball should have gathered a yard away. The man he should have checked is way past him.

"But how did he miss him?" spectators ask. For all they can see, Finney just kept on in one direction.

But that wasn't the full-back's view. He saw Finney approach, check, then turn.

He couldn't realize that, like all magicians, Finney shows his victims just what he wants them to see. Instead of using strength of hand, he employs swerve of body.

And what makes Finney so dangerous is that he knows how to make use of his talents. No mere crowd pleaser, every trick is another hole punched in the ground.

COULDNT SUBDUED HIM

So Finney became England's complete left wing. And what a wing! Even with a spare man Scotland couldn't subdue him.

Then, mid-way through the second half, he staged a one-man raid on the Scottish goal.

Gathering the ball in his own half he set out on his mission. Swerving, feinting, weaving, straight through Scotland's defense as though it didn't exist. Finally the coolest of lots over the advancing goalkeeper's head—the finest goal in Wembley's glorious history.

Small wonder England's fans cry "While there's Finney, there's hope." —(London Express Service)

A certain Italian realised Finney's worth, however. He is Prince Roberto Lanza de Tabia, millionaire president of Palermo FC.

Eighteen months ago, after England had played a 1-1 draw with Italy, the prince made Finney an offer that would have staggered a Hollywood star. It consisted of a £10,000 signing.

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**UK Shipping Industry Heartened**

London, Apr. 16.
 Two events in the past week have heartened the UK shipping industry. One was the important budget announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer of his new scheme of investment allowances and the other the acceptance by the confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions of the pay increases offered by the employers.

Shipowners have welcomed the Chancellor's statement. The President of the UK Chamber of Shipping, Mr. J. C. Denholm, stated it was welcome as "a first step in the right direction and as an indication of recognition that in the circumstances today depreciation allowances based on original costs are not sufficient to enable ships to be replaced".

He said a fuller examination of the budget statement would be necessary before it was possible to assess its real value to the various sections of the industry.

In the five to ten years class, the percentages are: Britain 20, US 41, Panama 26 and Norway 20. Ten to 16 years: Britain 22, US 25, US 44, Panama 22 and Norway 14.

Orders for new tonnage have to be placed two to three years ahead and it is only in the last two years that new orders have fallen off sharply, they point out. However, in 1952/53 the proportion of vessels less than 10 years old fell sharply from 55 to 50 per cent.

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FROM H. KING WOOD

WHEN her mother died, Katherine, then in her middle-teens, took over the running of the home she shared with her father and brother, and with their help it was run as well as a home can be that has suffered such a loss.

When her brother went off to do his national service, Katherine and her father funded for themselves. Each went out to work each day in factories in the Scottish city where they lived, and together they coped with the household chores when they came home. It was not an ideal way of life, but they got by.

Then, last autumn, Katherine's brother came home. He had finished up his military service in the Far East, and seen action there, and filed out so to speak, mentally. He had set off scoldering a boy, he returned as a man with a proper pride in himself.

CHIVVYING

KATHERINE'S brother was not entirely pleased with the home he came back to. It was a good deal less ship-shape than the surroundings he had grown accustomed to. Meals tended to be late and sometimes rather sketchy; beds to remain unmade in the morning, dust to be tucked unobtrusively under carpets instead of being properly disposed of.

The brother began to lay down the law, and to chivvy Katherine rather as a fastidious corporal might chase a recalcitrant recruit.

For a time, Katherine gave back as good as she got, but she grew sick of the nagging at last, and declared she was leaving home.

ALIAS

SHE arrived in London and began to look around for a job. One week went by and then another. By the time she had been there a month, she still had not found work. Instead she had become involved with that unpleasant West End set of young people who, not caring for work themselves, are delighted to teach others the art of living without working.

Thanks to these, Katherine, the other day, was arrested and at Bow Street charged with stealing a suitcase full of clothes from a casual acquaintance.

She pleaded guilty, but instead of giving her own name to the police, invented one that sounded more like a film star, and gave as her address an elegant one in Glasgow that she thought suited her better.

It took Miss Hamilton, the Bow Street probation officer, her colleagues in Scotland, and the police, some time to discover that the name and address were fictitious and during that time Katherine sat in Holloway Prison on remand, sticking firmly to her alias.

HOME AGAIN

THE truth came out at last, and Katherine was brought into the dock again, from which she winks with the greatest merriment at Miss Hamilton who from the witness-box she told Mr Bortram Recco the story of the great deception.

"I could put her on the 2.15 train for Scotland today," said Miss Hamilton.

"What do you say to that?" Mr Recco asked Katherine. "I'd like to go home," said Katherine, as if butter would not melt in her mouth.

"What you want to do," the magistrate said to her, "is to go home and make friends with your brother. That's the best thing you can do."

"Aye," said Katherine.

She was put on probation, and later that day put on a train.

I wondered what her brother would make of her. For she, like him, had adventures behind her now. She had filled out mentally, too. She and not he will run the house in future, I should think.

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William Alice Gurnett for Morning Post Limited at 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong

Americans Win £25-million Contract

One of the biggest contracts ever let in Australia—for £25 million—was approved by Federal Cabinet last week. It was for engineering contracts connected with the Snowy Mountain hydro-electric scheme and goes to the American Kaiser group of construction companies.

Cabinet also approved of contracts worth more than £1 million with a British and a Swedish company for turbine and generating equipment.

The American contractors will bore a 14½-mile 21-foot diameter tunnel through the main mountain of the Great Dividing Range, linking a coastal and an inland river.

Plan is that by 1959-60 the first part of the Snowy scheme will be in operation and producing more power than is now needed to supply all of Sydney.

They took part in debates sitting in front of their pedal radios.

The Flying Doctor base at Alice Springs was the hub of the novel meeting and the network saved some pastoralists long journeys.

About 20 stations joined in the discussions.

The cattlemen heard a report by the Association president, Mr Woody Pearce. Resolutions were made on subjects ranging from taxation to cattle trucking, the motor vehicle ordinance and aboriginal drivers, who must be able to read and write to qualify for licences. This provision rules out many competent drivers.

The meeting was so successful that the Association now plans to be held in the regular.

CUTS WOOL BUYING

Three big American film companies are bidding for the US distributing rights of Charles Chauvel's full-length colour film of the outback—"Jedda". Chauvel finished shooting last week and the film should be released later in the year.

One American company has already deposited something more than £10,000 in an Australian bank to try to woo Chauvel—who will no doubt be enjoying the woolly and sugar mill in Cairns.

Once Australia's second-best customer, she has now dropped to fourth place. In the first seven months of the current trade year, Japan spent £24-million on all classes of wool compared with £35-million in the same period last year.

But the Director of the Australian Chamber of Manufacturers, Mr Latham Withall, said Australian industry was strongly opposed to any significant increase in Japanese imports.

He said Australian industry believed that any such increase must prove detrimental to domestic industry and to trade between Australia and Britain and foreign good customer countries.

"Japan has been a big purchaser of wool from Australia, but wool is a basic raw material as well as a commodity that Japan has used very largely for barter purposes in building up her hard currency credits.

It is expected that by June 30 our population will exceed 9 million and we should have 12 million by 1960. Population in all States has increased in the last year, and even the Northern Territory has had a rise of 1,000 and now stands at 16,040.

A remarkable thing about this programme is that it has had the full support of all political parties—probably one of the few times in our history when we have had political agreement.

THE DEBIT SIDE

All the gain hasn't been on the credit side, of course. While we cannot blame migrants wholly for our inflation troubles, there is not the slightest doubt that they helped. They needed so many of the things that we needed ourselves. Our housing shortage would have been bad in any case, but the increased demand, caused by the migrants, made it far worse. There seems to be some agreement among judges that, with certain nationalities at least, the number of violent crimes are higher among migrants than Australians. On the other hand, a Government committee claims that on the whole, New Australians are more law-abiding than old Australians, so that subject seems debatable.

There are other points on the credit side as well as rise in population, however. Immigrants in key industries such as iron and steel have broken most of our production bottlenecks and thus have helped our economy. They have also brought with them a new way of living which is not yet quite appreciated but which in time to come must play a valuable part in our culture.

All in all, then, it can be said that this migration pro-

Elephant As Nursemaid



"Child's play" is what Dumbo, the Zoo Elephant, says as he pushes three-year-old Susan Lipton in her push-chair to see the other animals, when she visited the London Zoo. Susan comes from Boston, Massachusetts, USA—London Express.

Dresses Slashed At NY Easter Parade

New York, Apr. 18.—A record-breaking Easter Parade was disrupted today when a man armed with a razor blade pushed through jammed Fifth Avenue, slashing women's new Spring dresses.

More than 1,500,000 persons were packed shoulder to shoulder on an eight-block stretch of the Avenue during the peak hours of the Parade, and at one point police had to form a human chain to keep the crowd from mobbing St Patrick's Cathedral.

The authorities were just beginning to congratulate themselves for preventing the stunts of publicity seekers that have marred previous Parades. Then the police said 15 women had reported in tears that their new Easter dresses were ruined.

All said they had been attacked from the rear and most were not aware of the slashing until they started to go home.

A man was taken into custody but denied slashing any dresses. The police found a razor blade in his pocket but he claimed he carried it for shaving only.

"I didn't do it," he said. "I hate women. You can't trust them. They cheat and lie."

No one was injured in the slashings, which occurred just outside St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral during Easter Mass.

The police said all the women were young and attractive. One reported that her new US\$35 dress had been cut seven times. Another showed officers where a huge chunk of cloth had been slashed from her dress.

On the basis of descriptions given by the women, the police arrested a man who identified himself as Joaquin Gonzales, 27, a dark-haired, shabbily-dressed man. He was charged with vagrancy—United Press.

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A taxi then drove up at a fast speed after the car. The witness stopped the taxi and boarded it with PC1502. They then proceeded in pursuit of the car.

DREW REVOLVER

As they caught up with the car at the junction of Hennessy Road and Queen's Road East, the witness drew his revolver and shouted to the driver of the car to stop.

"The other car then slowed down and eventually we overtook it and cut in front of it to stop it at the police box at the junction."

The witness alighted from the taxi and with his drawn revolver he approached the driver of the car. When the driver of the car raised his hands the witness put his revolver away and opened the door of the car.

The accused, who the witness identified in Court, stepped out of his car, and through an interpreter the witness asked accused whether he had been involved in a traffic accident. Accused answered in the negative.

Witness then asked accused about the damage to the front

The Sloss Case: PC's Evidence Of Car Chase

The events leading up to the arrest of Geoffrey Duncan Sloss, 30, of 375A The Peak, charged with manslaughter and four traffic offences were retold by a Police constable in the committal proceedings before Mr Lawrence Leong at Central this morning.

Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution, assisted by Sub-insp. P. T. Moor.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr W. C. R. Carr, appeared for the defence. Mr Yu entered a plea of not guilty to all five charges.

The charges against the defendant are that on February 25 he unlawfully killed Ng Chow; that while driving his car, HK3027, along Hennessy Road at 3.30 a.m. on the same day, he failed to stop after colliding with public vehicle No. 4362; driving dangerously at 3.30 a.m. outside the St Francis Hotel; driving dangerously at 3.40 a.m. at Hennessy Road outside the China International Motors; and driving while under the influence of drink.

HEARD CRASH

PC 4213, Min Tsun, said that on February 25 he was on duty with PC 1502 at 3.30 a.m. in Hennessy Road. They were walking on the south pavement of Hennessy Road.

Suddenly at the junction of Tonnochy Road and Hennessy Road, I heard a crash, which sounded like a car collision and then the screeching of tyres.

"I immediately ran out onto the road and I saw a car coming from the direction of North Point towards me at a fast speed."

The witness said he raised his left hand and shook his torch of the car and shouted for the driver of the car to stop. He was then about four feet from the curb.

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The art of ingeniously tormenting, which the foreign community at Shanghai, mercantile, official, and even clerical, have during the last six months practised beyond the verge of the endurance of any people but Chinese, would at length seem to be producing some of the fruits which ought to have been long ago looked for. The imperial forces have had a fracas with the foreign residents, and it having been followed up by a combined assault of the forces of the British and American men-of-war on the imperial encampments, there have been loss of life and serious wounds on both sides; but the damage sustained by foreigners must have been comparatively slight, for it is not specified in either of the Notifications of Mr Alcock, which, as usual with his productions, are enveloped in a cloud of words, that obscure the narrative, and leave an impression that it is not desired that the whole truth should be known.

The documents extracted from the North-China Herald extra of the 8th April, will be found in another column, and our surmise regarding them is strengthened by an editorial remark of that journal that "these transactions will be probably viewed in various ways at a distance." But as the latest posting times elsewhere, which in general are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by inquiry at the local office.

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Europe, 8 a.m.
Philippines, 8 a.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 8 p.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Surface

Thailand, noon
Malaya, noon
Macao, 9 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

DO-NOTHING POLICY

Had Sir George Bonham acted as he felt, and has latterly written, such a catastrophe would never have occurred. But that would not have been in accordance with his do-nothing policy at all times and especially in the near prospect of his departure. That he, latterly at all events, took a pretty correct view of the position of the foreign community at Shanghai towards the rabblement in the near prospect of his departure.

The rebuke was very much called for, but because Sir George Bonham has never acted upon it, the truth it conveys remains a lasting libel on his administration of affairs in China, let flatterers say what they may.

His Excellency regrets exceedingly the present unfortunate state of the Import Trade at this port, but he hopes that the recapture of the city is not far distant, and that on the expulsion of the Rebels, business will in some measure improve. His Excellency concurs in your opinion that the British Community owe the protection of their persons and property principally to the presence of the National Ships-of-war of England, France, and America; but he thinks it right to remark, that in his opinion the Imperialists have been hampered in their endeavours to retake the city by the near vicinity of so large a body of foreigners, and but for the position of this settlement, (Shanghai) the siege would in all probability have been already brought to a successful issue.

TEMPTING PREMIUM

Sir George Bonham so expressed himself five months after Mr Compton's arrival in 1949, and until the city of Shanghai was taken by the Taoutes, he would not recognise the right of that official force to be on British territory, and to collect taxes there.